

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-16, and 18-20 remain in the present application. Claims 5, 9, and 17 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the above amendments and the arguments set forth below.

Abstract Objection

Applicants have herein included a new abstract to obviate the cited objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 9, and 17 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 8, and 15 to include the limitations of dependent Claims 5, 9, and 17 respectively. Claims 5, 9, and 17 are herein cancelled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully assert that all remaining claims (Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-16, and 18-20) are now in condition for allowance and Applicants earnestly solicit such action from the Examiner.

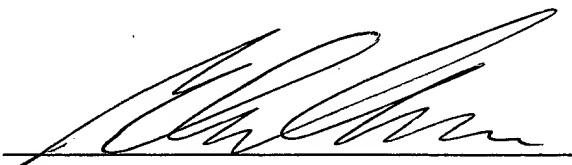
The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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